



# State Legislative Session Overview & Discussion

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# Overview

- 60-day session begins Monday, January 13th
- Second half the 2019-2021 biennium; supplemental budget year
- New House Speaker – Rep. Laurie Jenkins (27<sup>th</sup> LD)
- Senate Committee Days will be November 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>
- Two sessions of House Committee Days - September 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and November 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

# Select 2019 Accomplishments

- Housing and Homelessness: Local Option Bond Bill; Tenant Protections and Eviction Reform; Housing Trust Fund
- Safety Net & Civil Rights: LGBTQ Commission Creation; Keep Washington Working Act; I-1000
- Public Safety: Funding for Rape Kit Testing; Ghost Guns, Gun Responsibility and Protection Orders
- Education: Washington College Grant; Washington State Opportunity Scholarship; Early Learning Access
- Health Care: Tobacco-21; Vaccinations; Affordable Care Act Protections

# Legislative Agenda Process

City's collaborative legislative agenda development process:

- Over the past few months, OIR took departmental requests and met with liaisons on proposed 2020 agenda items
- Worked with the Mayor, Council, State Legislative delegation, and legislative partners to develop draft
- Mayor and Councilmembers review and edit the agenda through the fall, with a plan for Council passage in December

# Potential City Issues for 2020

- Enhanced funding for homelessness services, public health, mental health, and addiction and other important human services
- Affordable housing tools: MFTE, shelter location placement assistance, and tenant protections
- Education: Early Learning
- Environment: Low-carbon fuel standard; fuel tanks, MTCA funding
- Transportation: Automated Enforcement
- Public Safety: Gun Responsibility

# Next Steps

- State legislative committees meet through the fall
- Committee Days ( Senate = 11/20-21, House = 9/12-13 and 11/21-22)
- Mayor/Council/Seattle Delegation meeting in December or January
- Legislators return to Olympia January 13<sup>th</sup> for 60-day session
- OIR will be seeking feedback on a high-level draft of the legislative agenda on 10/21